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1. WHEN I CALLED ON DAVIGNON OCTOBER 31 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, HE BEGAN BY NOTING THAT AMBASSDAOR DE STAERCKE HAD JUST TOLD HIM THE MORNING NAC MEETING HAD BEEN VERY HARMONIOUS, FREE OF RECRIMINATIONS. DAVIGNON SAID RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WERE IMPORTANT IN THAT THEY SHOW ALLIES CAN DISAGREE YET NOT LOSE THEIR SENSE OF SOLIDARITY.

2. DAVIGNON ALSO SAID HE WAS NOW CONFIDENT THAT THE SECOND FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION ON NATO WOULD CONTAIN MORE FORTHCOMING LANGUAGE ON BURDENSARING, NOT ALL THAT WE EXPECTED BUT, NEVER-
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THELESS, PROGRESS. IN RESPONSE, I REITERATED HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS FOR OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES TO GRASP FIRMLY THE NETTLE OF BURDENSARING AND THAT I COULD NOT OVERSTATE THE URGENCY IN VIEW OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT.DAVIGNON SAID HE THOUGH

THAT THE EUROPEANS NOW FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE US SITUATION AND THAT THIS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE FRENCH DRAFT.

3. DAVIGNON SAID THAT, ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER EC-9 DIRECTORS GENERAL, HE WAS ABLE TO STATE THAT NOVEMBER 14 WAS SATISFACTORY FOR THEIR NEXT MEETING WITH ASST. SEC. STOESSEL, AND THAT I COULD SO INFORM HIM, ALTHOUGH DANES WOULD INFORM THE USG FORMALLY. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE QUICKLY A FINAL DRAFT OF THE REVISED ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS. HE THOUGHT HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE ME ONE IN ADVANCE OF THAT MEETING THAT WOULD BE VERY CLOSE TO THE FINAL ONE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE EC-9 DG'S MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5-6 ON THE MID-EAST, DAVIGNON THOUGH SOME US INPUT, PREFERABLY THROUGH BILATERAL TALKS BUT OTHERWISE VIA THE DANES, COULD BE MOST IMPORTANT. HE SAID THAT IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE US COULD TELL THE EC-9 THAT US WELCOMES EC-9 CONTRIBUTION TO A SETTLEMENT, AND IF U.S. WERE TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF THE PRIORITIES UPON WHICH U.S. IS NOW CONCENTRATING IN MID-EAST, THIS WOULD BE SEEN AS A TOKEN OF OUR INTENTION TO CONSULT MORE FULLY. ALSO A STATEMENT ON THE 14TH BY STOESSEL OF U.S. VIEWS ON THE MID-EAST AS IT AFFECTS DETENTE AND US-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND OF LONG RANGE IMPLICATIONS GENERALLY, WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL. WERE THIS POSSIBLE, HE SAID, A SPECIAL MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED WITH STOESSEL FOR DIRECTORS GENERAL ONLY--FOLLOWING THE OTHER TALKS--WHERE US VIEWS COULD BE CONVEYED IN FULL CONFIDENTIALITY. BOTH THE NOVEMBER 5-6 AND 14 THE MEETINGS, DAVIGNON SAID, PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE US TO SHARE QTE SOME CONFIDENTIALITY UNQTE AND TO ENSURE THAT EUROPEANS FEEL QTE CLUED IN UNQTE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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